



# NEWS RELEASE

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**District:** 05 – Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties

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###UPDATE###

## **HHIGHWAY 154 REMAINS CLOSED FOLLOWING WINTER STORM ACTIVITY/CLOSURE BOUNDARY REDUCED**

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY – Highway 154 remains closed from the Lake Cachuma State Recreation Area to Paradise Road following a series of winter storms which resulted in a blocked culvert near Lake Cachuma.

Caltrans has initiated an emergency project to clear the opening of this culvert approximately 40 feet below the surface which contains water and debris. Caltrans is removing the water with pumps and cameras to reach the opening of the blocked culvert.

Those wishing to visit Lake Cachuma may do so by traveling Hwy. 154 from the Santa Ynez area. Those traveling from Santa Barbara may only travel to Paradise Road. Businesses along Hwy. 154 remain open. Motorists may use US Highway 101 as a detour. There is no estimate when this section of Hwy. 154 will re-open.

**Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through highway work zones.**

For traffic updates on other state highways in Santa Barbara County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at (805) 549-3318 or visit the District 5 website at:

[http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road\\_information.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road_information.htm) A map of this area can be found at:

<https://goo.gl/maps/zUK9MusccBU2>



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